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PETITION TO ACCORD FILING DATE

Sir:

Applicants petition that the above-referenced application be accorded a filing date of July 15, 2003.

A Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application was mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 3, 2003 with a response due February 3, 2004, indicating that the drawings (Figures 1 and 2) were missing.

Applicants are co-filing herewith a Response to Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, including Figures 1 and 2 which are of record in the parent application. As indicated in the Response to Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, the instant application is a divisional application that incorporates by reference the parent U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/626,213, now U.S. Patent No. 6,613,305, which included Figures 1 and 2. Therefore, the submitted Figures 1 and 2 are not new matter, no new Oath or Declaration

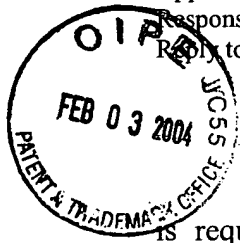
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is required, and the application should be accorded a filing date of July 15, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$130.00 petition fee, and any other fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Madeline Johnston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

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